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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 2, lines 3-7:

This application claims the benefit of: U.S. Provisional Application No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ 60/232,284, filed September ~~XX~~ 13, 2000, entitled "System and Method for Network Information Visualization"; and U.S. Provisional Application No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ 60/232,213 filed September ~~XX~~13, 2000, entitled "System and Method for Describing Objects in a Virtual Space." The contents of both provisional applications are incorporated herein by reference.

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Many types of hierarchical objects can be placed in a virtual space. The co-pending application, Serial No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ 09/712,107, filed on November ~~XX~~ 14, 2000, entitled "System and Method for Network Information Visualization," which is incorporated herein by reference, describes one use for such objects in a virtual space. In that application, a virtual space of URL objects from the Internet is described. In such a system, URLs objects are placed in the virtual space according to categories, such as MUSIC, COMPUTERS, POLITICS, etc. Using the system described (which includes a database, a web server, and a browser), a user connected to the Internet can view and navigate through a 2D map or a 3D map of the virtual space to locate desired URLs. Other categorized virtual spaces could contain a manufacturers' product catalog or a library's card catalog. Or, the virtual space could be used within a geographic information system or a multi-user computer game, for example.

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The Figures are not numbered sequentially in this patent application because the Figures are duplicates of Figures in the co-pending application, Serial No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ 09/712,107, filed on November ~~XX~~ 14, 2000, entitled "System and Method for Network Information Visualization."

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